

	PRIMARY	GENERAL	THIS SECTION FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Ballot Style	_____	_____	ID#	_____
Applic. Recd.	_____	_____	Affil.	_____
AB Issued	_____	_____	Elect. Dist./Ward	_____ Prec. _____
AB Returned	_____	_____	Cong. _____ Leg. _____ Co. _____	

**STATE OF MARYLAND
BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR _____**

LATE APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

Only a registered voter is eligible to apply for an absentee ballot.

Once a voter applies for and receives an absentee ballot, the voter *must* vote by absentee ballot and *cannot* vote at the polls.

FOR THE FOLLOWING ELECTION: _____ PRIMARY Election _____ GENERAL Election

PRINT NAME AS REGISTERED:

Last Name	First	Middle
No./Street	Town	Zip
Date of Birth	Party Affiliation	Phone No.

To qualify for an absentee ballot, you must certify by your signature that one or more of the following statements is or will be true. I am unable to go to the polls, because on election day ...

1. I may be absent from my county of registration.
2. I am suffering from an accident, illness, or physical disability.
3. I am confined in or restricted to an institution.
4. I am attending to a death or serious illness in my family.
5. I have academic obligations at an institute of higher education outside my precinct, but within my county of registration.
6. I am employed by the Board of Elections and must be absent from the precinct in which I am registered.
7. I am age 65 or older and my polling place is inaccessible.

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Signature of Voter: _____ Date _____

DESIGNATION OF AGENT BY VOTER: A voter not able to apply for an absentee ballot personally must complete this designation of agent:

I designate the following person, who is at least 18 years old and not a candidate on the ballot, to act as my agent in accordance with the requirements for absentee voting stated in Article 33, Section 9-307, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Print Agent Name _____ Phone No. _____

Agent Address _____

Signature of Voter _____ Date _____

ACCEPTANCE BY AGENT: Under penalty of perjury, I hereby certify that I am 18 years old and not a candidate on the ballot, and that I am acting as the voter's designated agent and will deliver the absentee ballot application to the voter.

Signature of Agent _____ Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY AGENT AND RETURNED WITH VOTED BALLOT: Under penalty of perjury, I hereby certify that the voter for whom I am acting as agent (named above) marked the ballot and placed it in a sealed envelope in my presence and that I have returned it in person, without alteration, to the Board of Elections.

Signature of Agent _____ Date _____

WARNING: Any person who is convicted of violating the absentee voting law is subject to a fine of up to \$1,000, to imprisonment for up to 2 years, or both. (Article 33, Sect 9-312)

**IF A VOTER IS UNABLE TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION WITHOUT ASSISTANCE,
THE PERSON ASSISTING THE VOTER MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THE AFFIDAVIT ON THE NEXT PAGE**

HOW TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT DURING THE WEEK BEFORE THE ELECTION

Beginning on the Wednesday before the election and until the polls close on Election Day, an absentee ballot may be obtained only in person at the county election office, using the Late Application for Absentee Ballot form. The late application is made under penalty of perjury and must specify the reason for absentee voting. If the election office staff finds that the applicant is qualified, the staff will issue an absentee ballot in person to the applicant or the applicant's designated agent.

HOW TO VOTE WITH ASSISTANCE

A qualified applicant may, by completing the Designation of Agent portion of the Late Application for Absentee Ballot, designate an agent to pick up and deliver an absentee ballot. The agent must be at least 18 years old and not a candidate on the ballot. The agent must sign the affidavit included on the Late Application for Absentee Ballot, under penalty of perjury, certifying that the ballot was delivered to the applicant, marked by the applicant and sealed in an envelope in the agent's presence, then returned in person to the election office by the agent.

ASSISTANCE WITH THIS APPLICATION OR MARKING BALLOT

A voter who requires assistance completing this application or casting an absentee ballot (by reason of disability or inability to read or write) may be assisted by any person other than a candidate on the ballot, the voter's employer or an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union. The person assisting the voter must execute and submit the affidavit at the foot of this page or the certification form contained in the absentee ballot package.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSENTEE BALLOT

Except as provided in the following two paragraphs, any absentee ballot, whether mailed or hand-delivered, is timely if it reaches the election office by 8 P.M. on Election Day. **An absentee ballot may not be faxed.**

Domestic Ballots Received By Mail after Election Day

Any ballot received by mail is timely if it arrives by 4 P.M. on the Wednesday after Election Day, and if the U.S. Postal Service has affixed a postmark on the envelope verifying that the ballot was mailed before Election Day. If the postmark is illegible, the voter's affidavit on the ballot envelope, indicating that the ballot was completed and mailed before Election Day, is sufficient.

Overseas Ballots Received by Mail after Election Day

Any ballot received by mail from outside the United States is timely if it arrives:

- by 10 A.M. on the 2nd Wednesday after a Gubernatorial Primary Election; or
- by 4 P.M. on the 2nd Friday after all other elections,

and if the U.S. Postal Service, an Army post office, a fleet post office, or the postal service of any other country has affixed a postmark on the envelope verifying that the ballot was mailed before Election Day. If the postal service of the place from which the ballot was mailed does not provide a postmark, or if the postmark is illegible, the voter's affidavit on the ballot envelope, indicating that the ballot was completed and mailed before Election Day is sufficient.

LARGE TYPE APPLICATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

DELIVER APPLICATION TO:

County Board of Elections

AFFIDAVIT

Name and signature of person who fills out this application for the voter.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____